

attacks, but he broke his shinbone in basic training. He was so intent on becoming a soldier that he completed his last three weeks of basic training despite an injury that would have sidelined most of us.

When Brandon joined the Marines, he told his friends that he had found his life's calling. However, for Brandon fulfilling his lifelong dream was no simple task. Every morning, he had to run laps around Asbell Park, lift weights and literally lose 80 pounds to be in shape for Marine Boot Camp.

Dustin and Brandon served as inspirations to their fellow soldiers in Iraq and to Americans back home. On the battlefield, Dustin's fellow soldiers said that regardless of the dangers, he could often be found handing out candy to Iraqi children. And back home, community members signed a banner in Brandon's memory, recalling the bravery of a fallen Marine who put his country and his neighbors ahead of himself.

Mr. Speaker, Dustin and Brandon made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. They selflessly put themselves in harm's way so that future generations can live in a world free of terror. Dustin McGaugh and Brandon Smith are true American heroes. I ask my colleagues to keep their family and friends in their thoughts and prayers.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE MINNESOTA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON RECEIVING THE 2004 MARK TRAIL AWARD

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Minnesota Department of Transportation on receiving the Mark Trail Award of 2004. Two Minnesotans, Rochester resident Troy Schmidt from the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Woodbury resident Terri Smith from the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, are accepting the award at a ceremony tomorrow, June 4, 2004 in Washington D.C.

Since approaching the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service in 2000, the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Minnesota Department of Transportation have expanded the Minnesota NOAA Weather Radio Transmitter network from 12 to 32 transmitters, with 4 more about to go into service. As a result, 99 percent of all Minnesotans are now within broadcast range of a National Weather Radio transmitter.

The statewide NOAA Weather Radio Transmitter network will provide Minnesotans with weather announcements and other emergency messages when necessary. When tragedy strikes, this network will allow for notice of emergencies such as fire, flood, tornado or accidents involving hazardous materials to be broadcast so Minnesotans will be aware of the

emergency procedures, and can keep their families safe.

Mr. Speaker, it is important services, such as the National Weather Service, that provide a safe environment for the public. It is my privilege to recognize two outstanding Minnesotans, Troy Schmidt and Terri Smith, for their work. I would like to express my appreciation for the sponsors of the Mark Trail Award and for the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for their help and achievements in coordinating county, state, and federal services.

HONORING BETTY JANE GORIN-SMITH

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual from my home state of Kentucky. Betty Jane Gorin-Smith has been a longtime volunteer and leading voice in the historic preservation efforts of the Heartland Civil War Trails Project. This extraordinary endeavor is only a footnote to her many years of service in the Taylor County community, as a distinguished teacher, author, and historian.

Mrs. Gorin-Smith taught U.S. and world history in local schools for more than two decades. She has also taught at Campbellsville University and Lindsey Wilson College. Her academic and civic awards are numerous. She has written numerous published articles and is presently completing a book on the life of Civil War General John Hunt Morgan. In addition to her work with the Heartland Civil War Trails Commission, Mrs. Smith is recognized as a primary leader of the preservation effort at the Tebbbs Bend Civil War battlefield.

I would like to recognize Mrs. Gorin-Smith, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for her exemplary citizenship and community engagement. Her efforts, past and present, make her an outstanding American, worthy of our collective respect and honor.

On the occasion of the Civil War Trails Commission ribbon cutting, I publicly endorse Betty Jane Gorin-Smith as Historian Laureate for the Heartland Region of Kentucky.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take a moment to remember the valiant efforts of their neighbors and fellow citizens of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

America is a nation of the sea. Our oceans, lakes and rivers have left an indelible mark upon the American existence. The American Merchant Marine—both the industry and mariners who ply the oceans of the world under our Flag—are a critical part of our national infrastructure. During peace time they move the

goods that keep America moving, and during war time, they protect us by ensuring that our soldiers abroad have the equipment, food and medicine that keep them fighting.

As President Ronald Reagan said in his 1988 National Maritime Day proclamation, "... the merchant marine continues its roles in trade and defense—and the sailors of our commercial fleets continue to exhibit the patriotism and the many skills that have ever characterized them and their predecessors. It is truly fitting that we pause to salute these seafarers and all other Americans who support them and guard the lifelines of the sea that sustain us all."

Yet despite the critical role in our national infrastructure that the maritime industry plays, it is all too easy to forget them. We see trucks every day on our roads, and we see airplanes in our skies. We do not see the hundreds of ships that sail our oceans brimming with cargo, bound for our malls and supermarkets. We do not see the thousands of men and women who leave behind their families for months at a time to crew these vessels and ensure that the goods we need to survive make it to our shores.

Every May 22, we as a nation come together to celebrate National Maritime Day, a day to remember those men and women who are so often forgotten. Today, just as it was at our nation's founding, the American Merchant Marine remains an important part of our national experience.

IN MEMORY OF SPC. MICHAEL CURTIS CAMPBELL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of Spc. Michael Curtis Campbell of Marshfield, MO. Spc. Campbell was killed when his combat patrol was attacked with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire near Samarra, Iraq.

Spc. Campbell chose to serve his country early. Upon graduating from St. Paul's Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO, in 1988, he entered the United States Navy where he spent four years, serving during Operation Desert Storm.

As a member of the National Guard, Spc. Campbell was called to serve following the September 11th terrorist attacks. He was first tasked with hauling debris from the remains of the World Trade Center. He was assigned to Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in Schweinfurt, Germany. He arrived in Germany in December, 2003, and left for Iraq in February of this year.

Mr. Speaker, Spc. Michael Campbell answered the call to service when his country needed him most. I know the Members of the House will join me in offering condolences to his friends and family.